*Bombay Port Trust*:

1. Provision of Container Handling Facilities.

2. Replacement of Pir Pau Oil Pier.

*Calcutta Port Trust*: (Haldia Docks)

1. Strengthening of Existing Oil Jetty at Haldia.

2. Augmentation of existing Container Handling Terminal, Haldia.

*Visakhapatnam Port Trust*:

1. Conversion of W.J. 2 and W.J. 3 into regular Quay berths.

2. Upgradation of Ore Handling facilities to handle 1,70,000 DWT Ore Carriers.

*Tuticorin Port Trust*:

1. Construction of Second Coal Jetty.

II. *Other Major Projects*:

(i) Asian Development Bank have shown interest in fundling the scheme of Provision of Port Facilities at Paradip and Ennore (near Madras) for the movement of Coastal Thermal Coal. A Detailed Feasibility Report with the Dutch Assistance has been commissioned.

(ii) For the development of Paradip Port to receive Ore Carriers upto 1,70,000 DWT, a Detailed Project Report has been commissioned with part assistance from M/s. Hyundai Corporation of South Korea.

**Inadequacy of Equipments for Handling Container Traffic at Bombay**

2698. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bombay Port Trust is losing revenue worth lacs of rupees due to inadequacy of equipment and spares for handling container traffic;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to this export trade of the country is adversely affected; and

(c) if so, what measures have been taken to remedy the situation.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Bombay Port handles container traffic through its own and private equipment. The total container traffic including exports and imports handled by Bombay Port is steadily increasing over the years.

Bombay Port has drawn up a Scheme for modernisation of container handling facilities.

**Reconstruction of railway bridges**

2699. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what steps Government are taking to reconstruct the bridges and the railway tracks whose life span has ended and whose condition has been declared as dilapidated?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): Bridges do not require construction solely on the basis of age as they do not have any definite life span. As a matter of policy, rebuilding/rehabilitation is taken up on strength consideration in the case of bridge superstructures and on condition basis in the case of substructures. About 300 to 350 such bridges are rehabilitated every year.

Track is renewed based on condition as well as the traffic carried. During 7th Five Year Plan 21,000 Kms. of track is planned for renewal.

**Health Cards for All Residents of Delhi**

2700 SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce health cards for all residents of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent the residents of Delhi would get better medical facilities and by when the scheme is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The Government have formulated a conceptual proposal for the introduction of zonalisation and compulsory referral system. Delhi will be divided into 5 Zones. The system will be operated through Health Identity Card. A Committee under the Chairmanship of Director General of Health Services is working out the operational details. The system will prevent over crowding in hospitals and will ensure better utilisation of referral facilities.

**AIDS carrier in the country**

2701. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 27 AIDS carriers have been detected at the centrally nominated screening centres at KEM and JJ Hospitals in Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the deails thereof;

(c) what is the total number of AIDS cases detected in the country till date and what is the number of AIDS deaths in the country so far; and

(d) whether Government propose to bring about changes in the strategies, instead of taking ad-hoc measures to check AIDS cases in the country; if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) So far, three centres in Bombay have screened 6388 persons beloning to high risk groups of which 27 have been found sero-positive.

(c) The number of persons screened and the number of sero-positive cases detected in the country so far are as under:—

| Screened | sero-Positive | Full Blown AIDS cases |
|---|---|---|
| 127400. (upto 30-6-88) | 389 | 22 |

Of the 22 full blown cases, 7 were foreigners and 15 Indians, Of the 7 foreigners, two died in India and the remaining foreigners were repatriated. All the 15 Indian succumbed to the disease.

(d) The following steps are being taken by Government to flght AIDS:—

(1) A Cell has been established in the Directorate General of Health Services to coordinate AIDS Control activity in the country.

(2) 40 Surveillance Centres have been established in the country to screen high risk groups.

(3) All these centres have been provided with diagnostic reagents and equipment package have also been provided to most of them.

(4) Restrictions have been imposed on import of blood and blood products without AIDS clearance certificate

(5) All the State Health authorities/hospitals/STD clinics have been alerted to be vigilant.

(6) All the blood banks have been instructed to screen the professional blood donors.

(7) All the State Health authorities have been advised to ensure strict sterilisation practices in hospitals and clinics and to use presterilised disposable syringes and needles as far as possible.